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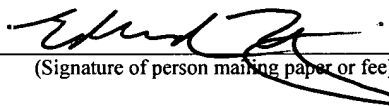
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**AMENDMENT WITH REQUESTS FOR
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2001, setting a three-month term for reply. Kindly amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. Any fee occasioned by this paper may be charged, or overpayment credited to, Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for reply to the June 14, 2001 Office Action be extended three months, i.e., to up to and including December 14, 2001. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension and any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the present specification with the attached substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4-7 and 11-13 without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary paste formulation comprising:

(a) an effective amount of a therapeutic agent; (COX-2 inhibitor)

(b) fumed silica;

(c) a viscosity modifier comprised of two or more functional groups for (PEG)
forming hydrogen bonds on the surface of the fumed silica; and

(d) a carrier.